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* 238 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri M. Narayana Kurup) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the " Air Mast " at the Wireless Station in the Malabar Special Police Camp at Malappuram, Malabar, has been removed from there to some other place in the State in July 1956?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

* 239 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the air mast used for the wireless set kept in Malabar Special Police Camp at Klari near Malappuram, Malabar, has been removed recently from that place to a place out of Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sir, I may be permitted to supplement my answers because this is one of the series of fantastic and irresponsible allegations which were made against the Madras Government that they are moving articles from the Malabar district.

The aerial mast referred to in the questions is an ordinary hinged tubular post of galvanised iron material whose value according to the rate list of the Posts and Telegraphs Department is about Rs. 150 and there are five pairs of such masts distributed at West Hill, Klari, Malappuram and Pandikkad. These were erected in 1922–23 by the Posts and Telegraphs Department for the use of the Malabar Special Police. Due to age and efflux of time, these posts have all become tilting or bent. The Commandant, Malabar Special Police, Malappuram, has reported that no such post was handled or disturbed at Malappuram. He has also stated that not even a screw connected with the signalling apparatus or other articles belonging to the undivided Malabar Special Police has been so far moved out of Malabar nor will they be removed. Therefore, under the circumstances, I do not know on what basis these questions were put; wide publicity had been given in the newspapers and editorials were also written on that basis.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : அதேமாதிரி அடிக்கடி மலபார் மெம்பர்கள் கொஞ்சம்கூட சம்பந்தமில்லாமல் கேள்வி போடுகிறார்கள். இவ்விஷயத்தைப்பற்றியும் பிரமாதமாகப் பத்திரிகையில் தலையங்கமே எழுதப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இவ்வாறு அனாவசியமாக மலபாரைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் துஷ்பிரசாரம செய்து வருகிறார்கள் என்பதை எல்லா மக்களுக்கும் தெரிவதற்காக சர்க்கார் இவ்விஷயத்தையே விளம்பரப்படுத்த ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C, SUBRAMANIAM : இப்பொழுது அந்த மெம்பர்களே அவ்வாறு இல்லை என்று பிரசாரம் செய்வார்கள் என்று நான் நம்புகிறேன்.